RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-165

MEETING: April 7, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

RE: Resolution Consenting to Inclusion of Properties in the CHF PACE Program

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Resolution Consenting to Inclusion of Properties Within the County’s Unincorporated Area in the California Home Finance Authority Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.

This is the second of three actions that must be taken to implement the PACE program within Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
None.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve, and local property owners will be unable to utilize the program.

ATTACHMENTS:
Form_CHF_Member_County_Resolution_PACE_811_v2-25-15 (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 4/2/2015
RESULT:  ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
RESOLUTION NO. 15-165

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREA IN THE CALIFORNIA HOME FINANCE AUTHORITY PROGRAM TO FINANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the California Home Finance Authority ("Authority") is a joint exercise of powers authority established pursuant to Chapter 5 of Division 7, Title 1 of the Government Code of the State of California (Section 6500 and following) (the "Act") and the Joint Power Agreement entered into on July 1, 1993, as amended from time to time (the "Authority JPA"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is in the process of amending the Authority JPA to formally change its name to the Golden State Finance Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established a property-assessed clean energy program (the "Authority PACE Program") to provide for the financing of renewable energy generation, energy and water efficiency improvements and electric vehicle charging infrastructure (the "Improvements") pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Improvement Bond Act of 1911, being Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code ("Chapter 29") within counties and cities throughout the State of California that elect to participate in such program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa (the "County") is committed to development of renewable energy generation and energy and water efficiency improvements, reduction of greenhouse gases, and protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, in Chapter 29, the Legislature has authorized cities and counties to assist property owners in financing the cost of installing Improvements through a voluntary contractual assessment program; and

WHEREAS, installation of such Improvements by property owners within the jurisdictional boundaries of the counties and cities that are participating in the Authority PACE Program would promote the purposes cited above; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to provide innovative solutions to its property owners to achieve energy and water efficiency and in doing so cooperate with Authority in order to efficiently and economically assist property owners within the unincorporated area of the County in financing such Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Authority has established the Authority PACE Program, which is such a voluntary contractual assessment program, as permitted by the Act, and the Authority JPA, originally made and entered into July 1, 1993, as amended to date, to assist property owners within the unincorporated area of the County in financing the cost of installing Improvements; and
WHEREAS, the County will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; or the issuance, sale or administration of any bonds issued in connection with the Authority PACE Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors finds and declares that properties in the County’s unincorporated area will be benefited by the availability of the Authority PACE Program to finance the installation of the Improvements.

2. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors consents to inclusion in the Authority PACE Program of all of the properties in the unincorporated area within the County and to the Improvements, upon the request by and execution of the voluntary contractual assessment of owners of such properties, in compliance with the laws, rules and regulations applicable to such program; and to the assumption of jurisdiction thereover by Authority for the purposes thereof.

3. The consent of this Board of Supervisors constitutes assent to the assumption of jurisdiction by Authority for all purposes of the Authority PACE Program and authorizes Authority, upon satisfaction of the conditions imposed in this resolution, to take each and every step required for or suitable for financing the Improvements, and the issuance and enforcement of bonds to represent such contractual assessments; provided, however, that the County shall assist in the levying, collecting and enforcement of the contractual assessments to finance the Improvements.

4. County staff is authorized and directed to coordinate with Authority staff to facilitate operation of the Authority PACE Program within the County, and report back periodically to this Board of Supervisors on the success of such program.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 7th day of April, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

MERLIN JONES, CHAIR
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel